

Docket No. VTN-0388


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Brown-Skrobot, et al.
Serial No. : 09/259,758
Filed : March 1, 1999
Title : Method of Sterilization

Art Unit : 1744
Examiner : M. Chorbaji

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to the USPTO
at (703) 305-2000 on ~~7/19~~ 872-9310 ABK
November 16, 2001
(Date of Deposit)

Anne B. Kiernan
(Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative)


(Signature)

November 16, 2001
(Date of Signature)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of July 16, 2001, setting a three month response date of October 16, 2001. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, making the due date today November 16, 2001. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 14-17, 32 and 44, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2-7, 10, 13, 18, 20-29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39-42, without prejudice, as follows:

2. (Amended once) The process of claim 52 wherein to provide a sterility assurance level of 10^{-6} , said spore is exposed to at least 41 mJ/cm^2 of said UV radiation in the range of 240 to 280 nm during said subjecting step.

B1